# Understanding the installers' view of the heat pump market

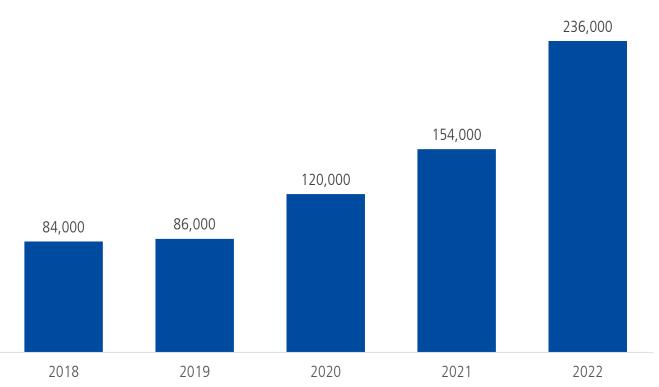
Study focus: Air-to-water heat pumps in residential buildings

Primary survey of heat pump installers for home heating in Germany





Development of heat pumps\* 2018 to 2022 | Germany



Source: EUPD Research 2023; BWP / BDH Statistik

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#### Study background

The heat pump market in Germany has grown strongly in recent years. Due to rising energy costs and awareness of environmentally friendly energy options, more and more people are interested in heat pumps as an efficient heating method. This leads to a high demand for heat pumps and a strong growth of the heat pump market. In Germany, there are a large number of suppliers offering a wide range of heat pump products for different requirements. Different heat pump technologies exist based on the heat sources air, water and earth.

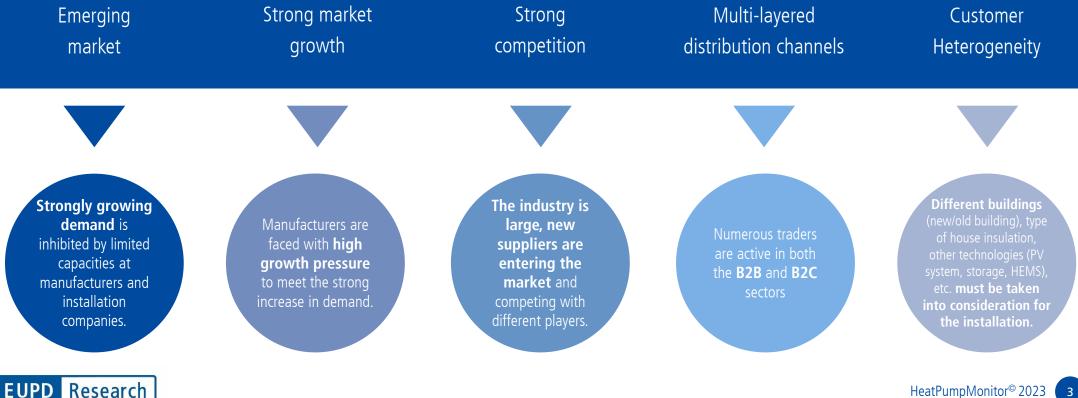
Air-to-water heat pumps are the most widespread and their share will increase in the future.

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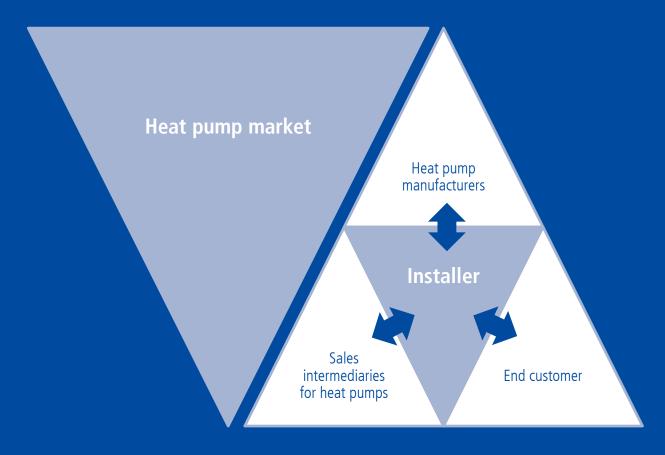
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### Market challenges

The market for heat pumps has seen strong growth in recent years. Nevertheless, manufacturers and installers also face a number of challenges that they must overcome in order to be successful. Some of the biggest challenges in the heat pump market are:



As intermediaries, installers play an important role in brokering heat pump products and services from manufacturers to end customers. Installers interacts with manufacturers, intermediaries and end customers.



# Market players can benefit from the expertise and experience of installers:

- Receive feedback on the use and performance of their products.
- Gain a better understanding of market and customer requirements and challenges.
- Improve their products and services to meet the demands and needs of the market.
- Identify new business opportunities resulting from installer experiences.
- Ensure the quality of their products and services by working with installers.
- Improve products by drawing on the experience and recommendations of installers.

# The study provides exclusive information on:

- Market structures
- Market players
- Installer portfolios
- Procurement channels
- Products and brands

Your added value for the implementation of:

#### Efficient marketing

Optimal product positioning in the market and with the installer

Adjusted business strategies

Better understanding of customer motives

Service packages tailored to target groups



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## Target group

The target group consists of installation companies that install air-to-water heat pumps in Germany.

This group includes:

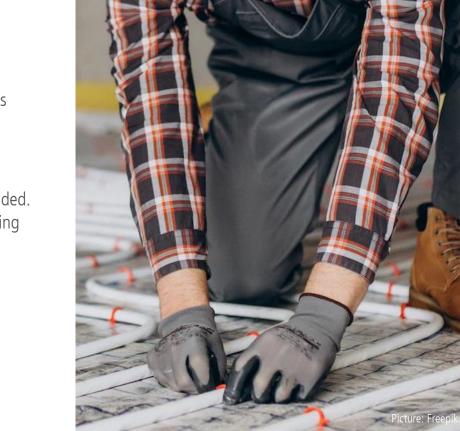
- HVAC installers
- Electrical installers
- Solar installers
- Other companies

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The sample was selected from EUPD Research's extensive address database of heat pump installers.

This database is constantly updated and expanded. Only installers who have already installed heating heat pumps are considered for the survey.



**Country of survey** 



# Methodology and approach

The study is based on an empirical survey (primary research) and market data (secondary data). The primary data collection is carried out by a quantitative telephone questionnaire (CATI). The results of the study are analyzed anonymously according to the requirements of modern market research. Secondary research is also included in the analysis: Through desk research and the use of internally available data, the information provided by the installers is enriched with figures on market development.

#### Setup

- Definition of the objectives and the research design
- Conception of the questionnaire
- Determination of the survey method
- Selection of the sample
- Questionnaire programming

#### Data collection

- Coordination with the external CATI service provider
- Interviewer briefing
- Implementation of the survey
- Data control / plausibility check

#### Data analysis and interpretation

- Data preparation and analysis
- Interpretation of the results
- Preparation of the results presentation
- Assurance of data quality
- Delivery of the report (PDF)



# Methodology and approach

Survey group	Installers of heat pumps (e.g. HVAC and PV installers)
Technology	Heat pump (focus on air-to-water heat pumps in private homes)
Study content	Secondary data: market data Primary data: survey of heat pump installers
	<ol> <li>Current market development in the heat pump sector</li> <li>Funding conditions</li> <li>Heat pump targets</li> <li>Sample description</li> <li>End customer insights</li> <li>Service portfolio</li> <li>Procurement management</li> <li>Brand management</li> <li>Market development</li> </ol>

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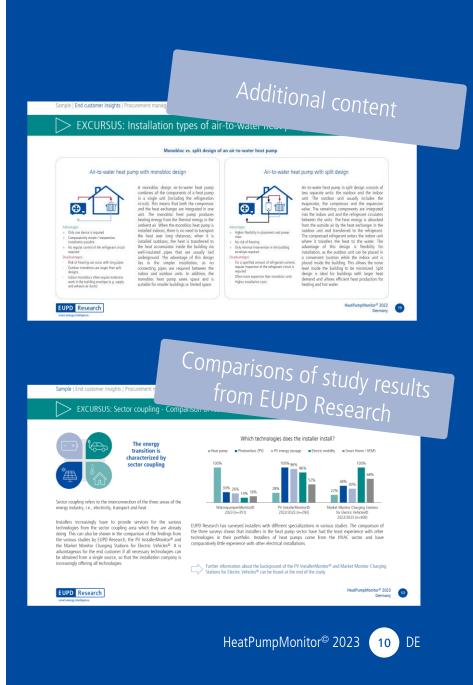


# Additional benefits - EXCURSES

A special feature of the study is the additional knowledge, which is composed of **additional content** and **comparative study results from EUPD Research**.

The additional content offers further information on the technology. Moreover, the results of the HeatPumpMonitor<sup>©</sup> are compared with the results of EUPD Research surveys of PV installers and EV charging station installers or with end customers' responses. The presentation includes comparisons with the following EUPD Research studies:

- PV InstallerMonitor<sup>©</sup>
- Market Monitor Charging Stations for Electric Vehicles®
- SolarProsumerMonitor<sup>©</sup>





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# Secondary data | Market background

### Market background

The market background provides an overview of the heat pump market's development based on secondary data and presents the most important subsidies and targets in the market. The contents include:

- Market development
- Funding conditions
- Heat pump targets



Heat pump market

# GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MARKET

- ✓ Get a compact market overview
- Understand market developments and trends
- Understand and monitor the legal and statutory framework
- Utilize the most important market data for your planning



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### Secondary data | Market players

#### Market players in Germany - manufacturers and brands

The overview of the market players in Germany examines the most important brands and presents their profiles. The TOP brands for air-to-water heat pumps in Germany are selected based on the survey results on the brands included in the installers' portfolios. The profiles of the brands include:

- General information
- Type of heat pumps
- Air-to-water heat pump portfolio



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### **KNOW YOUR COMPETITORS**

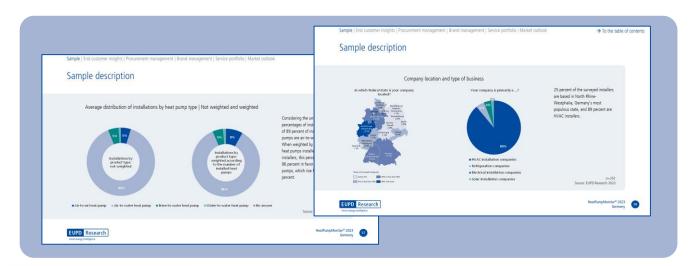
- ✓ Identify and compare market competitors
- $\checkmark$  Understand the brand and product portfolios



### Primary data: Sample description

### Installer background

The sample description is an important part of the analysis and plays a crucial role in guaranteeing the accuracy and validity of the survey results. In this section we will describe the sample size and the demographic characteristics of the surveyed installers.



#### **UNDERSTAND INSTALLERS**

Installers

- Get to know the installers, find out how their companies are characterized and in which areas they operate
- Identify different target groups for your products



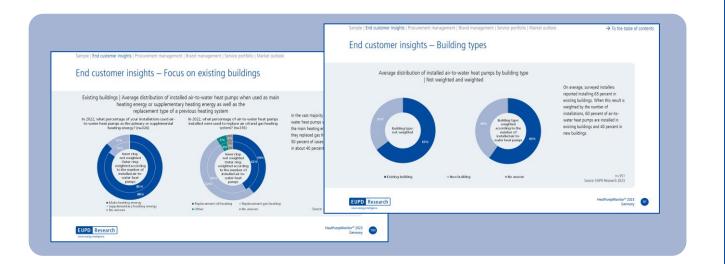
## Primary data: End customer insights

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#### End customer insights - Taking a closer look at the installations

Find out more about the installations carried out by the surveyed installers. The aim is to identify who the customers are, where the installations are carried out (existing/new buildings), what difficulties there may be with the system design, what role system compatibilities currently play or why customers transition to heat pumps takes place.





### IDENTIFY PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES

- Identify problems during installation process and/or operation
- Receive optimization impulses for technical requirements of the products
- Understand end customers and gain insights for product optimization

## Primary data: Service portfolio

#### Service portfolio

The chapter 'Service portfolio' indicates how the installation company's portfolio is structured around installation, commissioning and after-sales services in the area of heating heat pump installation. This chapter deals with:

- Procedure regarding installation enquiries
- Scope of the survey on installations and manufacturers
- Service portfolio after heat pump installation
- Most frequent problems/difficulties encountered during installations



#### Installers

### **IDENTIFY SUPPORT POTENTIALS**

- Recognize problems faced by the installers
- Enhance support for installers regarding installation, commissioning, maintenance and/or repairs



## Primary data: Procurement management

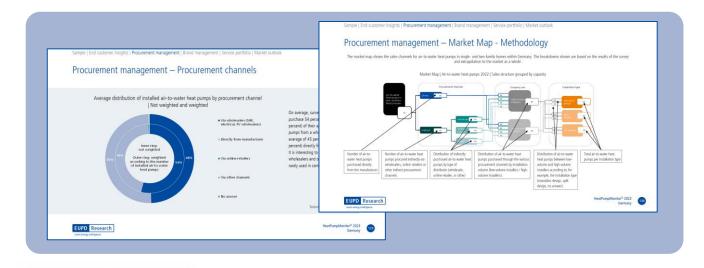
#### Procurement management

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Procurement management addresses the supply chain that brings the heat pumps from the manufacturer to the customer, distinguishing between a twotier (direct purchase from the manufacturer) and a three-tier distribution approach (via wholesalers, energy suppliers, etc.).

In addition, the survey results cover information sources, procurement channels and purchasing motives.



Installers Heat pump intermediaries

### UNDERSTAND PROCUREMENT CHANNELS AND SALES MARKETS

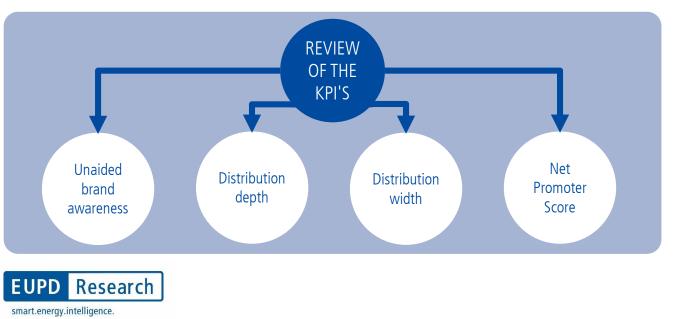
- Compare your own sales channels with those of the market
- ✓ Understand customer needs
- ✓ Improve your supply chain
- ✓ Improve your marketing strategies

### Primary data: Brand management

#### Brand management

This chapter allows for an in-depth analysis of the installers' portfolios and provides valuable information on the portfolio structures associated with specific brands. Especially in the private sector, installers decide which brands to install and recommend to their customers. Contents include:

- Unaided brand awareness
- Most frequent brands in installers' portfolios (distribution width)
- Exclusiveness of the brands in the installers' portfolios
- Brand recommendation





### **UNDERSTAND BRAND PORTFOLIOS**

- Measure the percentage of installers who buy your products and solutions
- Analyze how exclusively your brand is positioned in installers' portfolios
- ✓ Find out if you are the first choice or an interchangeable space filler
- Follow the path and development from a rarely bought niche product to a frequentlydemanded brand dominating the portfolio of installers
- Optimize brand communication and positioning

## Primary data: Market outlook

### Market outlook

The chapter 'Market outlook' presents the installers' view of how they expect the market for air-to-water heat pumps to develop in the future. This chapter analyzes:

- Openness to new brands in the portfolio ٠
- Expectations of the technological development in the market
- Drivers and barriers in the market •







#### Installers

### **GLANCE INTO THE FUTURE**

- ✓ Understand market dynamics and spot trends
- Understand expectations for the coming  $\checkmark$ years and consider them for strategy development

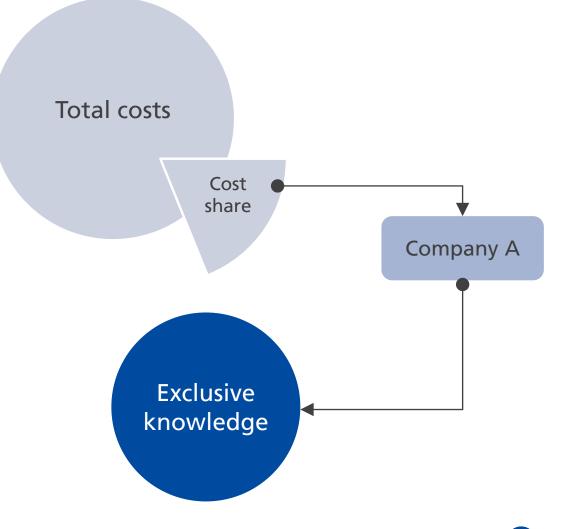
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### SHARED COSTS AND COMPREHENSIVE RESULTS

### Invest and benefit together!

The implementation of the **HeatPumpMonitor**<sup>©</sup> **2023** requires significant investment for the study design, questionnaire, installer survey, secondary research, analysis and implementation of the study.

Participation via the shared service allows a reduced number of clients to share the costs and have exclusive access to the full results of the study.

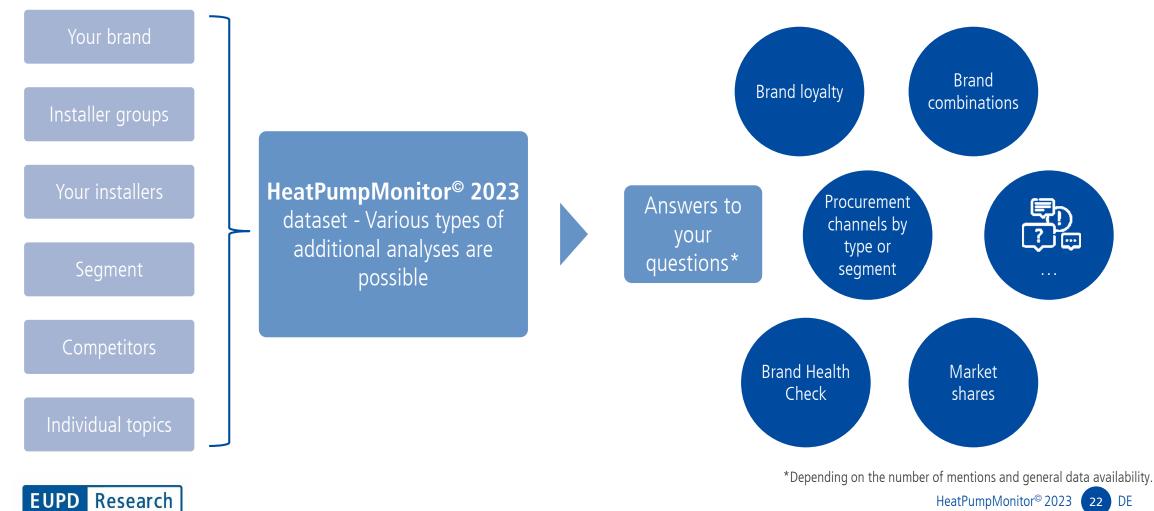




### DATASET WITH FURTHER POTENTIAL

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Optional: Individual analyses (e.g. company, competition or segment-specific analyses) | Further information on request



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### ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

### BRAND HEALTH CHECK



The data set enables in-depth analyses that help answer individual questions for your company. In addition to the regular results of the **HeatPumpMonitor**<sup>®</sup> **2023**, various questions are analyzed only for the installers who have your products (or those of selected competitors) in their portfolio. For Germany, EUPD Research is also able to collect a subset on end customers.



In order to ensure the long-term satisfaction of your customers, it is important to get an overview of the current position of your brand in the perception of the most important target group - the installers.

In coordination with you, a questionnaire will be developed to examine the Customer Journey: Communication and marketing, product policy, price, order processing, sales and service.

The "Voice of the Customers" reflects the successful areas and highlights potentials for improvement in the most influential areas in the relevant countries.

### TOP BRAND HEAT PUMP<sup>©</sup> 2023



This year, EUPD Research awards the first **Top Brand**<sup>©</sup> seals to heat pump manufacturers who stand out due to their impressive brand awareness, distribution and recommendation. The data for the scoring comes from the **HeatPumpMonitor**<sup>©</sup> 2023.



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### **EUPD** Research

### Market research

- Market analyses, e.g.
   SolarProsumerMonitor<sup>©</sup>
   PV InstallerMonitor<sup>©</sup>
- Competitor analyses
- Product analyses
- Price analyses

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#### Certification

- Top Brand PV<sup>©</sup> | Top PV Supplier<sup>©</sup>
- SolarProsumer Award<sup>©</sup>
- Energiewende Award<sup>©</sup>
- Customer satisfaction



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- Within the framework of strategic consulting, we focus on the review, further development or redevelopment of the company's strategy. We rethink concepts, measures and the positioning in the competitive environment and design growth paths and business models.
- Our future-oriented consulting services analyze both the business environment and the fundamental goals of the client.



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#### 2. Offer and Ordering Process

2.1 The presentation of the products together with the order form does not constitute a legally binding offer. Offers are subject to the written confirmation of EUPD GmbH. They are designated for the internal use of the customer only.

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3.1 Services offered include but are not limited to the following:

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b. Shared-Services: commissioned study on behalf of a limited number of customers for the exclusive purchase of those customers.

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However, it cannot be fully excluded that additional effort maybe required in the completion phase of the project. Should the suggested amount be exceeded, EUPD GmbH will inform the client promptly. Such additional efforts will be calculated on the basis of man-day costs and these may vary according to the qualification of the staff involved.

Upon notification of these additional costs the client may choose whether the project shall continue in accordance with the original cost estimation as stated in the proposal although full completion of the project may no longer be possible or agree to the revised cost estimation thus enabling full completion of the project. Should the client agree to the latter, this shall be subject to a separate written agreement.

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